

Remarks

Claims 14 to 99 are cancelled and claims 1, 6 and 100 are amended. Claims 1 to 13 and 100 are pending in this application of which claims 1 and 100 are in independent form.

The abstract was objected to for the reason set forth on page 2, paragraph 5, of the action. The abstract is amended to delete the phrase objected to and should now be in compliance with MPEP §608.01(b).

Also, the specification was objected to on page 3 of the action because the term "FIGS." failed to point out a figure number. Accordingly, the paragraph at page 17, line 16, and the paragraph at page 18, line 8, are amended to include a positive recitation of the figures referred to so that the specification should now be acceptable.

Claims 1 to 13 and 100 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the means plus function limitations were without corresponding disclosure of the specific structures. Claims 1 and 100 are amended herein to more clearly recite the disposition of the two force-transmitting units interposed between the coupling plate and the load take-up unit. Accordingly, claims 1 and 100 should now be definite as required by the statute.

Claims 1 to 13 and 100 were not otherwise rejected so that these claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Ottesen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Walter" and last name "Ottesen" clearly distinguishable.

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